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PLEASE DELIVER TO MR. LABIDI, PRESIDENT, AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY JOHN A. BUSHNELL:

2. QUOTE - THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVITATION TO ATTEND THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND, IN DAKAR, MAY 5-9. I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO PARTICIPATE AS AN OBSERVER IN THESE MEETINGS AND TO DISCUSS WITH YOU THE CONTINUED U.S. INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION IN THE FUND AS WELL AS THE STATUS OF THE U.S. LEGISLATIVE CONSIDERATION OF THIS MEMBERSHIP.

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3. UNFORTUNATELY, IT NOW SEEMS THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY

FOR ME TO APPEAR BEFORE OUR CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ON
DEVELOPMENT BANK APPROPRIATIONS DURING THE WEEK OF YOUR
MEETING. IF I CANNOT LEAVE WASHINGTON, I SHALL SEND AN
OFFICIAL FROM MY OFFICE.

4. AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE ADMINISTRATION HAS INTRODUCED
LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE A DOLLAR 15 MILLION U.S.
PARTICIPATION IN THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND. WE HAVE IN
THE PAST APPRECIATED THE COOPERATION WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM
YOUR BANK IN PROVIDING INFORMATION ON YOUR LENDING
ACTIVITIES, ETC. AS WE PLAN TO TESTIFY VERY SOON IN
SUPPORT OF AN APPROPRIATION REQUEST FOR THIS AMOUNT, WE
MAY BE CALLING UPON YOU AGAIN FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ON
THE BANK AND THE FUND. SINCERELY YOURS. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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